

CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, November 18, 2013

Minutes

- I. Called to order at 1:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - Quorum: Yes
 - See Exhibit IA
- III. Public Comments
 - None
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
 - Commissioner Rosenblatt: New York City judge ruled that New York City's emergency evacuation procedures were not adequate for persons with disabilities and frail seniors. (See Exhibit B).
 - US Airways forced one of its passengers, a blind man, off of its flight, because the blind passenger's guide dog was too large to fit under his passenger seat. (See Exhibit C).
 - Commissioner Wright explained that there are logistic problems at the MacArthur BART Station and on 40th Street. (Massive construction is in progress at this station). During this construction the loading and unloading zones for the various shuttle buses have been relocated to unmarked on-street locations. This forces passengers and the shuttle operators into dangerous situations. This will be scheduled for future agenda item.
 - Commissioner Jacobson announced that on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 there will be a screening of the movie, "Disability in Film". It will be aired at the United Artists Theaters in Emeryville.
 - Commissioner Hurd announced that she accepted an appointment to an international group that studies affordable and accessible housing for the global community.

- Commissioner Beard announced that on December 28, 2013 the non-profit yoga organization, Piedmont Community will hold its annual fund raiser, Spa Day. This is an opportunity to support disability in Yoga. There will be additional information forthcoming from Commissioner Beard.

V. Approval of Minutes

- Corrections to minutes:
 - Typo on page 6, plaque for plague
 - Speaker's last name is Brook, not Brooks
- Motion to approve minutes with corrections
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Hurd/Commissioner Wright
- Motion passed with consensus

VI. Agenda Modification and Approval

- There will be a ten minute break prior to Item XII (12) New Business, (speaker series).
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Blanks/Commissioner Simmons
- Motion passed by consensus

VII. Chairperson's Report

- Chairperson Beard expressed his appreciation for the various commissioner announcements. He noted Commissioner Wright's comments regarding the construction around the MacArthur Bart Station and its effects on persons with disabilities. Chairperson Beard further explained that such observations assist the MCPD in keeping an eye on community issues.
- This Thursday, November 21, 2013, the U.S. Senate will hold a hearing regarding the International Treaty on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This is the second attempt in the U.S. to ratify this international agreement. (Last fall the U.S. narrowly missed the ratification of this treaty by a small margin) A link will be sent to commissioners who may want to listen to the hearing. Chairperson Beard will write a letter in support of this treaty. (This treaty does not involve funding).

VIII. Vice-Chairperson's Report; *Denise Jacobson*

- No report.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC) Chairperson Scott Blanks reported:

- Reviewed two very informative reports from Public Works Agency, PWA on Curb Ramps and Disabled Parking Zones, DPZs. (Please review page 16—24 in the November 18, 2013 packet).
- There is no update from AC Transit on the Bus Rapid Transit project.
- Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Hearing Room Three, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)

B. Education & Outreach Ad-hoc Committee, EOC, Chairperson Lorraine Rosenblatt reported.

- A One Night Stand featuring the Comedians with Disabilities Act; Friday, October 18, 2013. This event was extremely well received and the acts were fantastic. This event will be repeated next year.
- A Special Report on Comedy Night:
 - Brianne Steinhauser, Deputy Director, Housing Consortium of the East Bay, 1440 Broadway, Oakland reported.
 - The Goal of the Housing Consortium is to create an inclusive community for people with developmental disability or other special needs though quality affordable housing.
 - Chairperson Beard approached Housing Consortium in June/July 2013 regarding this event. At the initial planning, the idea was to hold small venue but as the event developed and Creative Growth was brought into the partnership and the event grew.
 - The Comedians with Disabilities is a quartet of comedians with disabilities, Nina G is considered the spokeswoman for the group. The quartet has special guests that perform right along with it.
 - In addition there was food, wine and a great venue. The show had a total of 150 guests. (Including staff and volunteers there was 180 in attendance). The fundraiser

netted about \$5,500. Looking forward to repeating this event for next year, 2014.

- Youth in Action Awards Ceremony, October 23, 2013. This year Youth in Action was held at the Lake Merritt Sailboat house.
 - The speaker was a former honoree Alva Gardner. She was able to connect with the youth and was a wonderful speaker. Youth Radio publicized the event. Commissioner Rosenblatt expressed appreciation for the donation of the food by Commissioner Hernandez.

C. Strategic Planning & Oversight Ad-hoc Committee, SPOC, Chairperson Denise Jacobson reported that it is looking for new members.

- Looking to increase its outreach to the public and to local politicians on issues that particularly effect the disability community.

X. Staff Reports

A. ADA Programs Division Update; Christine Calabrese reported:

- Staff is working hard to meet the demands of Attorney Paul Rein's lawsuits against the City: the White v. Oakland, (Woodminister) and the Dalton v. Oakland, (Fairlyland/Bellevue Drive). It takes a huge amount of staff time to respond to these lawsuits. Unlike the CFILC (Emergency Preparedness) action which was on behalf of a class, these lawsuits target limited buildings and facilities and will not have a broad impact upon the local disability community and/or provide the opportunity for Oakland to create model programs.
- Coordinating compliance of other capital programs and projects including the upgrade of Lions and Temescal pools.
- Scheduling a webinar on CFILC settlement. Been invited by Pacific ADA Center to participate in a national wide webaire along with June Kailes, Rene Domingo and hopefully the Disability Rights Advocate, DRA organization. The webaire is scheduled for January 8, 2014.
- The work is continuing on updating the City's Accessibility policy; its Special Events policy and the ADA Capital Improvement Transition Plan.

XI. Old Business

A. Planning for Annual MCPD Retreat, on December 9, 2013; Stephen Beard reported:

- Mr. Bill Pelter, a former commissioner who is assistant executive director of the Cerebral Palsy Center for the East Bay, will be the facilitator. Still working on the venue at this time. The time will be 11:30 to 3:30, a light lunch will be provided. This will be the time for commissioners to get re-invigorated; to herald the commission's successes and discuss its challenges. (Open to suggestions regarding the retreat.)

XII. New Business,

A. Speakers Series. Computer Technology Instruction, Preparing Persons with Disabilities for Employment.

- Rebecca Brooks, Job Developer for Computer Technologies Program (CTP), spoke at length about the CTP.
- The CTP founded in 1974 by the Center for Independent Living, CIL and by IBM. In 1978 it became a charter member of the National Association of Rehabilitation Programs in Computer Technology. In 1982, it was established as an independent non-profit organization. 1995 worked to design the Ed Robert Campus with six other partner associations.
- The CTP in 2010 established the computer re-use center which is used as transitional employment. Students/clients average 350 per year with 70 to 80 percent of that number involved in CTP employment services.
- Their goal is employment/jobs. Current training program has a comprehensive vocation training program. The training program focus is on professional, personal, customer service, technical classes and individual coaching. It is continually developing new classes to stay in sync with the business world.
- There is no cost to the client, however; they are referred by the Department Of Rehabilitation or the Veterans Department, which pays for the program. The program is set up as a school with programs ranging in the length of 1 year, 4 weeks or 2 weeks. There is also a youth program, for 18-25 year old, that teaches basic office skills.
- CTP aim is to be able to place a graduate in lasting professional employment. CTP offers its clients lifetime professional

assistance program. It wants to build a closer relationship with the professional community in Oakland and the greater Bay Area. Please arrange for a visit by calling their campus, 3075 Adeline Street, Suite 240, Berkeley, 510 849-2911, Ext. 4006, fax 510 849-2968. rebecca@ctpberk.org, <http://www.ctpberk.org/>)

XIII. Meeting Evaluation

- Excellent, wonderful it was very informative from the beginning to end.


XIV. Agenda items for next meeting

- Annual Retreat

XV. Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

NOTE: THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
ON THE AGENDA

Public Comments: To offer public comments at the MCPD meeting, please register with Adriana Mitchell, ADA Programs Assistant, before the start of the meeting. Public Comments is one of the first agenda items therefore, please, arrive by 12:45 p.m. Please note that the MCPD will not provide a detailed response to your comments but may schedule your issue for a future MCPD or committee meeting. The Public Comment period is limited to 15 minutes and each individual speaker is limited to 5 minutes. If more than 3 public speakers register, however, then each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If more than 5 public speakers register, then each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes. Exceptions to these rules may be granted at the discretion of the Chairperson.

 This meeting is wheelchair accessible. To request materials in alternative formats, or to request an ASL interpreter, captioning or assistive listening device, please call Adriana Mitchell 238-5219 (V) or 238-2007 (TTY) at least three, 3, business days before the meeting. Please refrain from wearing scented products to this meeting so persons who may experience chemical sensitivities can attend. Thank you.